

## CHAPTER 878.

(Senate Bill 466)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Sections 52 and 60 of Article 99 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Water Fowl-Birds and Game", sub-title "Susquehanna Flats", providing a definition of "gunning days" on said Flats; and for changes in the limits of the closed area or sanctuary on said Flats, and providing authority to the State Game Warden to lease said area to the United States of America, for the use of the Fish and Wildlife Service of the U. S. Department of the Interior.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 52 and 60 of Article 99 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Water Fowl-Birds and Game", sub-title "Susquehanna Flats", be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:

52. For the purposes of this sub-title, a gunning rig is defined as a craft, boat or boats or sink box, customarily used or intended to be used in connection with sink-box shooting, or a flat bottom bateau or boat with bush or canvas blinds (commonly known as a sneak-boat or bush-whacking outfit) which shall be without power, except oars, and may be engaged in shooting or gunning over decoys. No boat used as a sneak-boat or for bushwack shall be of dimensions less than sixteen (16) feet in length, nor less than twenty (20) inches at the lowest point in height. "Any gunning day referred to in this sub-title, shall mean Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays of every week during the gunning season; and it shall be unlawful for any gunning rig to be on the Susquehanna Flats for the purpose of gunning, on any other days in the week; provided however, that if the Federal Government, or any agency thereof at any time bans gunning on the said Flats on any one or all of these days in the week, then this Act shall no longer be effective.

60. The area of land under water, and the waters there-over, in Harford and Cecil Counties hereinafter described are hereby designated and established as an inviolate sanctuary and refuge for the preservation of migratory birds under the administration and supervision of the Maryland State Game and Inland Fish Commission, or its successor, and in or on which it shall be unlawful to hunt,